

We claim:

1. A guided missile having an airframe with a tip, a seeker head in said tip and window means in front of said seeker head for closing said airframe at said tip to protect said seeker head, said airframe defining a longitudinal axis, and jettisonable protective cap means attached to said airframe in front of said window means for protective of said window means, wherein said protective cap means is longitudinally divided into at least two parts which, together, extend through an angle of  $360^\circ$  about said longitudinal axis, each part extending through an angle of not more than  $180^\circ$ , said at least two parts being interconnected by connecting means, means being provided for releasing said connecting means; and said two parts together and said airframe defining a form-fitting interlocking structure along the airframe-side edge of said protective cap means only, when said two parts are interconnected,
2. A guided missile as claimed in claim 1, wherein said protecting cap means comprise a conical cap divided along at least two cone generatrices.
3. A guided missile as claimed in claim 1, wherein said releasing means comprise pyrotechnical releasing means.
4. A guided missile as claimed in claim 1, wherein said protective cap means comprise a protective cap having an opening substantially on said longitudinal axis, to permit, in operation, dynamic pressure to build up within said protective cap.
5. A guided missile as claimed in claim 4, and further comprising jettisonable closure means attached to said protective cap for closing said opening, and closure member releasing means for releasing said closure means.
6. A guided missile as claimed in claim 5, wherein said protective cap is frusto-conical comprising at least two circumferentially extending parts and has a front edge and a rear

edge, said rear edge being said airframe-side edge, and said closure means comprise means for engaging said front edge, thereby forming part of said connecting means, whereby, when said closure member is jettisoned by said closure member releasing means, said dynamic pressure push said at least two circumferentially extending parts apart sidewise, thereby permitting release of said form-fitting interlocking structure

7. A guided missile as claimed in claim 5, wherein said closure member releasing means closure member releasing means comprise pyrotechnical releasing means.